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Tyre Recovery Association Limited

Association warns Local Authorities of likely spike in illegal tyre disposal

The UK's Tyre Recovery Association (TRA) is warning that recent steep increases in the cost of old tyre disposal may lead to a significant rise in the illegal dumping of old tyres on private land and in fly-tipping generally.

A recent significant reduction in often questionable waste tyre exports to the Indian sub-continent has resulted in a return to more legitimate recycling and recovery outcomes of the kind we all want to see. Responsible recycling outcomes of the kind we should all be encouraging do, however, come at a modest cost which can also attract criminal elements who simply charge, collect, then dump said TRA Secretary-General, Peter Taylor. He continued "recycling gate prices for old tyres have risen significantly in the past few months and this fact may well provide new opportunities for the unscrupulous. We must all be on our guard".

Cash-strapped Local Authorities and others who have to deal with tyre disposal and clean-up need to be more aware of this heightened risk and only engage with recognised professional tyre collectors and reprocessors such as our own Responsible Recycler Scheme members, in this way they will be fully facing up to their legal duty of care in these current volatile market conditions.

| KNOW TYRE WASTE DUTY OF CARE | | | | |
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|  | CONSUMER | TYRE RETAILER | TYRE COLLECTOR | TYRE RECYCLER |
| RESPONSIBILITY |  As you have generated the waste, you are part of the waste management process. By paying a small fee, your contribution ensures the tyre recovery system runs smoothly and efficiently. |  Must ensure the tyre waste produced is collected by an authorised waste carrier. |  Must be authorised to carry the tyre waste and must ensure the tyre waste is managed correctly by the tyre recycler. |  Responsible for the reuse of scrap tyres being reused as energy or other material applications. |
| REPORTING WASTE CRIME | Anyone can report waste crime. If you see a person fly-tipping, or suspect they are storing waste illegally, the Environment Agency or Crimestoppers would be pleased to hear from you. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY HOTLINE (24/7) 0800 80 70 60. CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111. Alternatively visit their websites and complete the anonymous online form. | | | |
| SUMMARY | TRA MEMBERS ACCOUNT FOR THREE QUARTERS OF ALL UK WASTE TYRE ARISING DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF ITS UNIQUE RESPONSIBLE RECYCLER SCHEME (RRS) WHICH MANDATES BEST PRACTICE AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE WITHIN AN INCREASINGLY CIRCULAR ECONOMY | | | |

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About the TRA

A cornerstone of the body is its support for the Responsible Recycler Scheme. All TRA members are fully accredited by the scheme, which ensures that all tyres collected, recycled or reprocessed by them are disposed of or reused in an environmentally friendly or acceptable methods. However, markets for tyre recovery continue to grow and develop and as the EU Landfill Directive is applied right across Europe a new international dimension will evolve. The Tyre Recovery Association has the independent ability to pursue its broader objectives at both industry and government levels, generate performance data specific to its member's interests as well as develop stronger links across the tyre recycling world. See more at: <http://www.tyrerecovery.org.uk>

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